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#### FISCAL REPORT ON THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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# Dear Taxpayer:

As a matter of principle, taxpayers should know exactly where their tax dollars are spent. It's your money, after all.

From the time you wake up until the time you go to bed, you're paying into the government's coffers. Telephone tax. Electricity tax. Gas tax. Cell phone tax. Income tax. Property tax. Sales tax.

The taxes never end. In fact, experts say that it takes the average American until mid-April to finally earn enough money to pay off the total tax bill for the year. That's when you finally start working for yourself, instead of the tax collector.

So, where does all this money go?

This year, California will spend \$117.5 billion on a wide variety of programs, from education and prisons to welfare checks and freeways.

Media reports on the state budget often create more confusion than understanding, making it difficult for taxpayers to follow the money trail. The charts and tables in this brochure show you exactly where your tax dollars are spent. The graphics also illustrate vividly how the previous governor's spending led California to the brink of fiscal ruin.

You have received this summary of the state government's financial operations because, as a taxpayer, you are entitled to it. Please contact this office if you would like additional copies to share with your friends and neighbors.

## TAXES WE PAY





- PERSONAL INCOME TAX: \$43 BILLION OR 41,3% OF TOTAL
- 2. SALES TAX: \$31 BILLION DR 29.8% OF TOTAL
- 3. OTHER TAXES: \$11 BILLION OR 10.5% OF TOTAL
- 4. CORPORATION TAXES: \$8 BILLION OR 7.7% OF TOTAL
- 5. MOTOR VEHICLE FEES: \$5 BILLION OR 4.8% OF TOTAL
- 6. HIGHWAY USERS TAXES: \$3 BILLION OR 2.9% OF TOTAL
- 7. INSURANCE TAXES: \$2 BILLION OR 1.9% OF TOTAL
- 8. TOBACCO TAXES: \$1 BILLION OR 1% OF TOTAL
- 9. LIQUOR TAX: \$3 MILLION OR 0.3% OF TOTAL

NOTE: NUMBERS REFLECT ALL SEVENUES, NOT JUST SEMERAL FUND, AND MAY NOT ADD DUE TO ROUNDING. IN ADDITION, ALL LOCAL SEVENMENTS COLLEGT A TOTAL OF \$27 BILLION IN PROPERTY TAX

#### WHERE THE MONEY GOES

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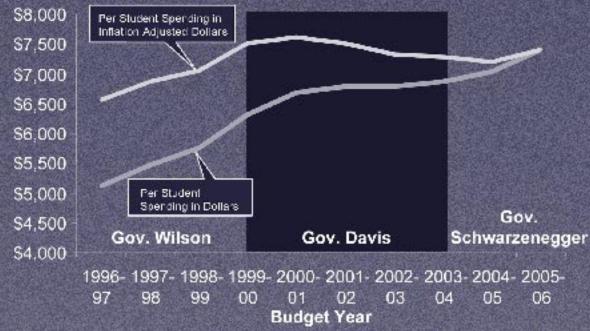


- 1. EDUCATION: \$50 BILLION OR 42.8% OF TOTAL
- WELFARE AND OTHER SOCIAL SPENDING: \$32 BILLION DR 28% OF TOTAL
- 3. OTHER STATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES: \$11 BILLION OR 9.1% OF TOTAL
- 4. TRANSPORTATION: \$8 BILLION OR 7.0% OF TOTAL
- 5. PRISONS: \$7 BILLION OR 6.3% OF TOTAL

- RESOURCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION:
   \$4 BILLION OR 4.2% OF TOTAL
- 7. AID TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT: \$2 BILLION OR 2.2% OF TOTAL
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## EDUCATION SPENDING





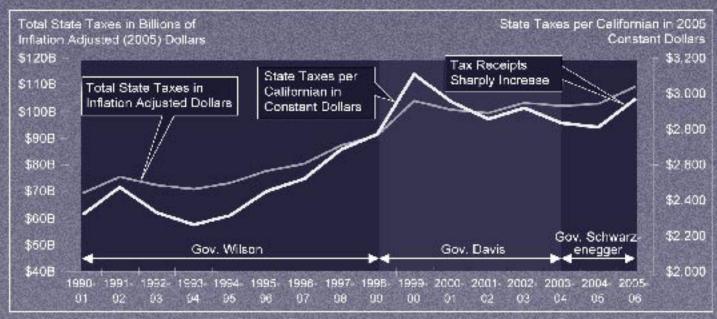
Spending per student adjusted for inflation is up for the first time in 5 years.

AVERAGE TEACHER SALARY\* EXPENDITURES PER STUDENT K-12\*

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\$46.726 \$58,287 #1 \$8,208 \$7,692 #25

25% ABOVE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE 6.3% BELOW NATIONAL AVERAGE

### TOTAL STATE TAXES



California Should Collect over \$109 Billion of Taxes in the Coming Year, Almost \$3,000 for Every Person in the State

<sup>\*</sup> DATA FROM THE NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION